

1 **ABSTRACT**

2 A parental control mechanism for a gaming system restricts the playing or
3 display of various types of content. The parental control mechanism allows a user
4 to restrict access to game content, audio content, video content, and online content
5 through the use of one or more parental control settings. Different types of content
6 can have different parental control settings restricting access to the content. A
7 password associated with the parental control settings prevents unauthorized
8 modification of the settings.

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